**Statement**

*State-wise number of places on which toll tax is being collected*

| SI. No. | Name of States/ UTs | Number of places where toll/ user fee is being collected | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Bridges | Stretches of National Highways |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 2 | 7 |
| 2 | Assam | 2 | 0 |
| 3 | Bihar | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | Gujarat Haryana | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Karnataka | 0 | 3 |
| 7 | | 5 | 2 |
| 8 | Kerala | 10 | 0 |
| 9 | Madhya Pradesh | 6 | 0 |
| 10 | Maharashtra | 10 | 6 |
| 11 | Manipur | 2 | 0 |
| 12 | Orissa | 3 | 2 |
| 13 | Punjab | 2 | 2 |
| 14 | Rajasthan | 9 | 6 |
| 15 | Tamil Nadu | 3 | 2 |
| 16 | Uttar Pradesh | 19 | 3 |
| 17 | Uttaranchal | 3 | 0 |
| 18 | West Bengal | 0 | 1 |

**Biotechnology related proposals**

*237. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased, to state:

(a) what measures his Ministry are taking to give single-window clearance to all the biotechnology related proposals;

(b) what is the total exports Indian biotechnology has made during the last five years; year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the exports in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) The Government of India has established a well-conceived regulatory framework for approval of biotech products with independent appraisal and approval bodies for compliance of different Acts and Rules to ensure the high levels of environmental safety including human and animal health. The expertise and authority for different components of the regulatory framework for biotech products are with the different departments of the Government. For harmonization of the regulatory approval procedure, Government has set-up two committees one for the recombinant pharma sector under the chairmanship of Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, DG CSIR and another for the Agri- Biotech sector under Dr. M.S.Swaminathan. The committees' recommendations have resulted in making the regulatory procedures simpler, more science based and efficient. An inter-ministerial board has been proposed for considering long-term reforms in the regulatory system.

According to the survey conducted by Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL), Biospectrum and Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE), the total export of biopharmaceutical, bioindustrial, bioservices, bioagri, bioinformatics and biosupplier products in the years 2001 - 2002,2002-2003 and 2003-2004 was to the tune of Rs. 875 crores, Rs. 1029 crores and Rs. 1817 crores respectively. The export of biotech products has seen a 25-30 per cent growth in last five years. The Government of India (GOI) has given enough attention to the innovative biotech sector with an impetus for the development and promotion of this sector. It has brought the biotech sector at par with IT sector in terms of incentives. With this biotech innovative sector, which is highly knowledge intensive enjoys a number of benefits as on date in terms of finance and in terms of support from the GOI. For export promotion GOI has given EOU status to all units located in Biotech Parks as notified in the Foreign Trade Policy.

**Investment in Equities**

*238. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the return on Employees Provident Fund